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<u>Kashmir</u>: The Indian Government has been embarrassed by Kashmir leader Abdullah's flirtations with the Chinese Communists during his current trip abroad.

Last week Sheikh Abdullah met with Premier Chou En-lai in Algiers and accepted Peiping's invitation to visit Communist China. In response, New Delhi has canceled all endorsements on the sheikh's passport except those facilitating his scheduled pilgrimage to Mecca. Pakistan, however, has offered the sheikh alternate travel documents.

Prime Minister Shastri has been particularly discomfited by these developments, since it was through his efforts a year ago that Abdullah was released from prison and allowed to resume political activity. Shastri, moreover, personally approved Abdullah's current trip, despite the sheikh's increasingly vociferous insistence on Kashmiri self-determination and his refusal to specify his nationality beyond "Kashmiri Muslim" when applying for an Indian passport.

Even if Abdullah does not immediately go to Peiping, these actions have discredited his position in India at a time when New Delhi has itself been moving toward a tougher line on Kashmir. If he returns to India now, he probably would be sent to join nearly 200 of his followers who have been imprisoned since he left in Feb-

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EEC-France: Paris' efforts to control and restrict foreign investments in France may be headed for eventual difficulty with the Common Market. The EEC Commission has recently instituted proceedings challenging the legality under EEC regulations of a 1963 French directive requiring nonresidents to obtain special authorization to purchase French securities. The responsible EEC official has commented to a US mission officer that he believes the more recent French decision to screen direct capital investments is also a violation of EEC regulations.	25X1			
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West Germany - France: Bonn is still trying hard to gain French approval for an early meeting of Common Market foreign ministers to consider the question of political unity, even though Paris only last week re-	25X1			
jected an Italian initiative to convene such a conference in May. Chancellor Erhard's office is directly involved in the effort and may call on former chancellor Adenauer				
to intercede with De Gaulle.	25X1 25X1			
British Guiana: The differences over tax policies that recently had been developing between the two senior partners of British Guiana's governing coalition	_			
are evidently on the way to being settled. Premier Burnham is presently	25X1			
amenable to giving ground to Finance Minister D'Aguiar's demands that certain taxes be abolished. However, the issue could again become a source of friction between the two leaders.	25X1			
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